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Idaho Winter Wheat Production Down 2 Percent

Idaho's 2012 winter wheat production is forecast at 62.1 million bushels, 2 percent lower than last year, and 7 percent above the 2010 crop. Based on May 1 conditions, yield is estimated at 85.0 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from last year. Acres expected to be harvested are set at 730,000 acres, a decrease of 40,000 acres from 2011. Idaho's May 1 hay stocks totaled 700,000 tons, up 150 percent from the May 1, 2011 total of 280,000 tons, but down 10 percent from 2010.

Nationally, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.69 billion bushels, up 13 percent from 2011. Based on May 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 47.6 bushels per acre, up 1.4 bushels from the previous year. Expected grain area totals 35.6 million acres, up 10 percent from last year. As of May 1, sixty-four percent of the winter wheat crop in the 18 major producing States was rated in good to excellent condition, 30 points above the same week in 2011. Heading had reached 54 percent, 30 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Hard Red Winter, at 1.03 billion bushels, is up 32 percent from 2011. Soft Red Winter, at 428 million bushels, is down 6 percent from last year. White Winter is down 9 percent from last year and now totals 233 million bushels. Of this total, 14.1 million bushels are Hard White and 219 million bushels are Soft White. All hay stored on farms May 1, 2012 totaled 21.4 million tons, down 4 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2011-May 1, 2012 totaled 69.3 million tons, compared with 79.9 million tons for the same period a year ago. This is the smallest disappearance since 1985.

Winter Wheat: Selected States and United States, 2010-2011 and Forecasted May 1, 2012

| State | Area Harvested | | Yield | | Production | | |
|----------------|--------------------|--------|-----------------------|------|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| | <i>1,000 Acres</i> | | <i>Bushels /Acres</i> | | <i>Thousands</i> | | |
| California | 420 | 350 | 85.0 | 80.0 | 28,800 | 35,700 | 28,000 |
| Colorado | 2,000 | 2,250 | 39.0 | 41.0 | 105,750 | 78,000 | 92,250 |
| Idaho | 770 | 730 | 82.0 | 85.0 | 58,220 | 63,140 | 62,050 |
| Illinois | 765 | 630 | 61.0 | 62.0 | 16,520 | 46,665 | 39,060 |
| Indiana | 400 | 330 | 62.0 | 63.0 | 13,800 | 24,800 | 20,790 |
| Kansas | 7,900 | 9,000 | 35.0 | 43.0 | 360,000 | 276,500 | 387,000 |
| Kentucky | 440 | 450 | 70.0 | 60.0 | 16,500 | 30,800 | 27,000 |
| Maryland | 190 | 180 | 66.0 | 63.0 | 8,100 | 12,540 | 11,340 |
| Michigan | 680 | 540 | 75.0 | 74.0 | 35,700 | 51,000 | 39,960 |
| Missouri | 680 | 700 | 50.0 | 51.0 | 12,600 | 34,000 | 35,700 |
| Montana | 2,190 | 2,120 | 41.0 | 40.0 | 93,600 | 89,790 | 84,800 |
| Nebraska | 1,450 | 1,270 | 45.0 | 47.0 | 64,070 | 65,250 | 59,690 |
| North Carolina | 610 | 750 | 68.0 | 60.0 | 14,060 | 41,480 | 45,000 |
| North Dakota | 375 | 720 | 37.0 | 48.0 | 17,600 | 13,875 | 34,560 |
| Ohio | 850 | 530 | 58.0 | 63.0 | 45,750 | 49,300 | 33,390 |
| Oklahoma | 3,200 | 4,300 | 22.0 | 36.0 | 120,900 | 70,400 | 154,800 |
| Oregon | 825 | 775 | 77.0 | 72.0 | 54,270 | 63,525 | 55,800 |
| South Dakota | 1,590 | 1,300 | 42.0 | 44.0 | 63,700 | 66,780 | 57,200 |
| Texas | 1,900 | 3,350 | 26.0 | 31.0 | 127,500 | 49,400 | 103,850 |
| Washington | 1,730 | 1,670 | 75.0 | 69.0 | 117,990 | 129,750 | 115,230 |
| Wisconsin | 335 | 250 | 65.0 | 67.0 | 14,720 | 21,775 | 16,750 |
| UNITED STATES | 32,314 | 35,580 | 46.2 | 47.6 | 1,484,861 | 1,493,677 | 1,693,710 |

1/ Other States include AL, AZ, DE, FL, IA, LA, MN, NV, NJ, NM, UT, WV, and WY. Individual State level estimates will be published in the 'Small Grains 2012 Summary.'

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April Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of April showed increases for all potatoes and all wheat. Prices decreased for alfalfa hay and dry beans.

For the U.S., the preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 177 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 7 points (3.8 percent) from March. The Crop Index is down 5 points (2.4 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 7 points (4.4 percent). Producers received lower prices for broilers, corn, cattle, and eggs and higher prices for soybeans, onions, hay, and oranges. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly movement of cattle, strawberries, milk, and broilers offset the decreased marketing of soybeans, corn, wheat, and cotton.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, April 2010-April 2011

| Commodity | Unit | Idaho | | | United States | | | |
|----------------------------|------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------|
| | | April 2011 | March 2012 | April ^{1/} 2012 | April 2011 | March 2012 | April 2012 | |
| | | | | | | | Price ^{1/} | % Parity |
| CROPS: | | | | | | | | |
| Alfalfa Hay | Ton | 175.00 | 210.00 | 200.00 | 161.00 | 201.00 | 207.00 | --- |
| Barley, All | Bu. | 4.92 | 5.24 | --- | 4.41 | 5.33 | 5.43 | 44 |
| Feed | Bu. | 6.02 | 4.49 | --- | 4.89 | 4.75 | 4.56 | --- |
| Malting | Bu. | 3.85 | 5.29 | --- | 4.22 | 5.42 | 5.68 | --- |
| Dry Beans | Cwt. | 29.70 | 45.30 | 43.50 | 31.80 | 47.10 | 47.90 | 56 |
| Potatoes ^{2/} | Cwt. | 9.85 | 9.55 | 10.00 | 11.17 | 9.98 | 10.57 | 44 |
| Fresh ^{3/} | Cwt. | 10.70 | 9.70 | --- | 15.61 | 12.06 | --- | --- |
| Processing | Cwt. | 7.80 | 8.60 | --- | 8.38 | 8.35 | --- | --- |
| Wheat All | Bu. | 7.48 | 7.10 | 7.14 | 8.01 | 7.19 | 6.87 | 38 |
| LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS: | | | | | | | | |
| Milk All ^{4/} | Cwt. | 17.70 | 16.70 | 16.70 | 19.60 | 17.20 | 16.90 | 36 ^{5/} |

1/ Mid-month price. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed.

3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices 4/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 5/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price.

United States Price Index Summary Table

| Index | April 2011 | March 2012 | April 2012 |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| Prices received by farmers | 176 | 184 | 177 |
| Prices paid by farmers | 203 | 213 | 213 |
| Ratio of prices received to prices paid | 87 | 86 | 83 |

U.S. Dairy Products March 2012 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 946 million pounds, 3.7 percent above March 2011 and 10.3 percent above February 2012.

Italian type cheese production totaled 405 million pounds, 1.4 percent above March 2011 and 10.4 percent above February 2012.

American type cheese production totaled 382 million pounds, 4.1 percent above March 2011 and 9.9 percent above February 2012.

Butter production was 176 million pounds, 6.4 percent above March 2011 and 3.9 percent above February 2012.

Dry milk powders (comparisons with March 2011)

Nonfat dry milk, human - 189 million pounds, up 49.9 percent.

Skim milk powders - 11.9 million pounds, down 71.5 percent.

Whey products (comparisons with March 2011)

Dry whey, total - 90.2 million pounds, down 4.3 percent.

Lactose, human and animal - 89.9 million pounds, up 5.4 percent.

Whey protein concentrate, total - 38.9 million pounds, up 5.6 percent.

Frozen products (comparisons with March 2011)

Ice cream, regular (hard) - 72.5 million gallons, down 3.3 percent.

Ice cream, lowfat (total) - 39.6 million gallons, up 0.4 percent.

Sherbet (hard) - 4.08 million gallons, down 8.1 percent.

Frozen yogurt (total) - 5.67 million gallons, down 4.0 percent.



On May 15, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed legislation to establish the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and codified a commitment to the health of our people and our land. One hundred and fifty years later, USDA continues to realize that vision of service by applying sound public policy and science to an evolving food and agriculture system.

The USDA has stood shoulder-to-shoulder with the American people for generations. During the Great Depression, the Department helped bring an end to the Dust Bowl by promoting soil conservation. Through two World Wars, the Victory Garden Program fed troops and families around the world. The USDA worked to bring electric power to rural communities, establish the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance and School Lunch Programs, implement our Nation's food safety regulations, and protect our forests and private lands. For one-and-a-half centuries, USDA has empowered communities across our country and helped ensure we leave our children a future rich with promise and possibility.

Today, USDA continues to serve the public interest by providing leadership on agriculture, natural resources, safe and nutritious food, research, and a broad spectrum of related issues. With partners across the public sector and throughout industry, USDA is working to develop and expand markets for agricultural products, grow our businesses and our economy, and protect the quality of our food supply and our environment. As part of the White House Rural Council, the Department is striving to expand opportunity for millions of families by promoting job growth and investing in infrastructure that will drive progress in the 21st century. Through the Feed the Future initiative, USDA is supporting America's commitment to combat hunger and improve food security worldwide. And with the America's Great Outdoors initiative, USDA is supporting community-based conservation initiatives that will preserve our natural heritage for generations to come.

Idaho Hay Stocks on Farms

